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Title: KUHARA Fusasanosuke's Visit to Soviet and China  
(Summary)

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The old man KUHARA is a great realistic politician. When he wants to put his thoughts into practice, he uses whatever means appropriate for the purpose. MATSUNO Kakuhei once said, "When I am with KUHARA, he prospers as he steps on right road; but when I am not with him, he does not prosper, as he walks on dark road."

I contributed to the Tokyo Nichinichi on the 23rd March this year, giving what I heard from him:

"These days, politicians and major people are outside themselves. They think Japan will be attacked unless it sides with America or China and Soviet. It is absurd. No one can attack Japan if it stands erect."

"Trading and cultural exchange with China and Soviet are quite natural. China, Soviet and Korea can only be very adequately exploited by Japanese people. Siberia, Karafuto, Manchuria and Mongolia, forest, pulp, railways, road construction, copper mine, fishery are all fit for Japanese."

"Japan has not been invaded for 3,000 years. If it is occupied and administered forcibly, it will never yield. Any one who invades will be betrayed by the people. Lack of pride and dignity is the cause of being fooled."

The old man's talk appeared on the Tokyo Nichinichi saying, "When I was at Kosaka mine, I thought of killing and throwing into the depth all officials, police or tax-men who ran counter against me." He said also on a hot day just before departure, "It is awfully hot and sleepy."

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If the earth breaks and one-third of it falls down, it will awaken me."  
When he visited Moscow 28 years ago, he proposed to see Stalin with his own interpreter only and talked with him for 4 hours.

It occurs to me sometimes that it will be interesting if I talked with him on revolution and riot. He was connected with 2.26 incident as is well known. Soviet and Chinese people may find common idea with the old man. I told him the other day: "You say yes if asked for money. You say yes if asked for a dinner. And you see anyone if asked to be seen. There were many men of that sort in the old days. OKUMA Shigenobu, GOTO Shimpei and TAKAKA Giichi all belong to this class." He will never be away from politics until he dies. He is interested in national affairs at his 86th. He can be called great. He may come back with unexpectedly big presents.